

## X700 WatchGuard & PFSense 2.0 Rc1



What started as a small request for help with a firewall bought on eBay turned into a completely new project. It gave me time off from studying my Cisco and opened a whole new world of FreeBSD. The Watchguard x700 would not let us in. I even found the correct management tool on UseNext and downloaded the management tool. No Joy. I could not break into the box!

Then after a quick google searching for how to manage the box I kept seeing references to PFSense. After more searching I found the [PFSense forum](#) . Even then I was not sure I wanted to convert the box. After further research I burned an ISO of 1.2.3 version and loaded a laptop using an extra PCMCIA network card. The load is quick and FreeBSD is not based upon Linux but a secure build that has it roots in [Unix.&nbsp;:](#)

So, the white flags were still showing and I was not cracking this box yet so I made the decision and took out my screwdriver. I cracked the case but not the Watchguard OS. Inside was a basic power supply and system board. Celeron processor and 256meg PC133 ram. 4 noisy fans and the OS runs on a CF card. The picture is a stock box without the hard drive tray that covers the right area near the CF card slot.

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